

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 547

H. P. 495

House of Representatives, February 2, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Bell of Paris.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Clarification of Notices for Rental Arrearages.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

14 MRSA § 6002, sub-§ 2, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 298, is amended to read:

~~Where~~ If the only ground claimed is rent arrearage of 14 days or more, the notice shall also include a statement indicating that the tenant can negate the effect of the notice of termination if he pays the full amount of rent due before the expiration of the notice.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to clarify the existing law. The law, as it presently exists, requires a landlord to add a paragraph to a 7-day notice whenever an arrearage of 14 days in rental is claimed to indicate that the tenant can nullify the 7-day notice by paying the arrearage before the expiration of the 7-day notice. If another ground is added, for example, damages, the added paragraph can only confuse a tenant. This bill is to require the desired language to a 7-day notice only when the only problem is a rental arrearage.